Tax evasion by industrial houses

1618. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pelased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the industrial houses are indulging in wilful evasion of various Government tax;

(b) if so, what are the total number of cases under Income Tax Customs and Excise laws that are pending adjudication or otherwise against TELCO Ltd. and Essar Gujarat Ltd.;

(c) what is the break-up of amounts involved casewise;

(d) what are the details confirmed by adjudicating authorities, casewise; and

(e) what action Government are taking to realise the disputed amounts where Courts have granted stay orders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Seizure of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

1619. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of prohibited narcotic drug and psychotropic substances seized in the country during the last three years till date;

(b) what is the number of persons including foreigners arrested for various offences under the NDPS Act, 1985 during the same period; and

(c) what is the number of acres of illicit opium cultivation and the number of acres of illicit cannabis cultivation identified, located and destroyed during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) The quantity of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized in the country during the last three years till date are furnished in the table below :

(Quantity in Kgs.)

Drug Seized	1990	1991	1992*	1993* (Upto Jan.)
Heroin	2193	622	1146	6
Opium	2114	2145	1865	64
Morphine	6	6	35	–
Ganja	39090	52633	62100	138
Hashish	6388	4413	6484	482
Methaqualone	2141	4415	7475	3379
Cocaine	1	0·008	0·420	–
Phenobarbital	–	–	54430 (Tabs.)	–

(b) Details of persons arrested under the NDPS Act is as follows :

	1990	1991	1992*	1993* (Upto Jan.)
No. of persons arrested including foreigners	4302	5300	12244	71
No. of foreigners arrested	234	93	106	5